

Amendment and Response

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C1 (50) such that a sample introduced by means of the sample-taking means (10) is operable to form a sample mixture with a content of the cartridge (30), and wherein the testing means (40) is displaceable within the housing (50).

C2 13. **(AMENDED)** A device for taking and examining samples, comprising a housing having positioned therein a cartridge, a testing means, and a sample-taking means, the sample-taking means comprising two half-tubes connected to each other, wherein the cartridge is displaceable within the housing such that a sample introduced by the sample-taking means is operable to form a sample mixture with a content of the cartridge, and wherein the testing means is displaceable within the housing.

C3 19. **(AMENDED)** A device for taking and examining samples, comprising:
a housing having a first end, a second end, and a passageway extending between;
a cartridge operable to be received in the first end of the housing, wherein the cartridge, during operation of the device, is displaceable within the passageway of the housing;
a sample-taking means operable to be at least partially received in the first end of the housing, wherein a sample introduced by the sample-taking means is operable to form a sample mixture with contents of the cartridge; and
a testing means operable to be received in the second end of the housing, wherein the testing means is displaceable within the passageway of the housing such that the testing means can be brought in contact with the sample mixture.

C4 22. **(NEW)** The device according to claim 1, wherein the testing means (40) is displaceable within the housing (50) between a first position, in which the testing means (40) does not contact the sample mixture, and a second position in which the testing means (40) makes contact with the sample mixture.

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23. (NEW) The device according to claim 13, wherein the testing means is displaceable within the housing between a first position, in which the testing means does not contact the sample mixture, and a second position, in which the testing means makes contact with the sample mixture.
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